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Preface

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Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past

- George Orwell

天行健, 君子以自强不惜; 地势坤, 君子以厚德载物

- 《周易》

(As heaven maintains vigor through movements, a gentle man should constantly strive for self-perfection. As earth's condition is receptive devotion, a gentle man should hold the outer world with broad mind.

- I Ching)

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